

Minutes
WOODSTOCK AGRICULTURE COMMISSION
Monday, November 17, 2016 1:00PM
Woodstock Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

Present: Members: R. Seybolt, R. Norman, S. Morse, L Weaver, Alternates: P. Miller, L. Auger. Others: Commissioner Revitzky and Rebecca Hyde. Additional public attendees for Commissioner Revitzky on attached sheet.

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by R. Seybolt at 1:05 PM
2. **Public Participation:** Commissioner Steve Revitzky spoke to a roomful of interested farmers, conservationists and other interested parties on the subject of Solar Farms on prime agricultural land in CT. Commissioner Revitzky said it was a good time for agriculture because they have seen an uptick of interest and in the number of farms in CT. CT has the oldest Farmland Preservation program dating back to 1978 with it's Farmland Restoration program. The State had and still has good intentions with its efforts of developing renewable energy sources, however, the unintended consequences have been the development of solar power on prime ag soils. He also stated that Commissioner Klee from DEEP is developing a forum of all stakeholders to try to formulate a better system of developing solar via brownfields, parking lots, etc. When asked what we as WAGC can do, the Commissioner said that we should be speaking with our State Representatives.
3. **Appointment of Alternates;** A motion made by S. Morse and seconded by L. Weaver to make L. Auger a member was unanimously approved.
4. **Review of October minutes:** R Norman moved to accept the minutes as presented; L. Weaver seconded and all approved unanimously.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. Woodstock Farm Map – no report.
 - b. Town Owned Properties Map – R. Seybolt reported that Judy and Bet are 99% complete and will be 100% complete in December. Members discussed how to use the completed map and it will be added to the town website to start.
 - c. WOSLAPP Report – S. Morse stated that they are skipping the December meeting and that not much was happening right now.
 - d. Food Systems Security – L. Weaver said he would try and attend the meeting on Dec. 15th.
 - e. P&Z Subdivision Regs Meetings – R. Seybolt stated that the set asides discussion has been on the agenda but they have not gotten to it yet. Action. R. Seybolt to ask D. Fey to give us a heads up when P&Z discusses it again.
 - f. 2017 Meeting dates – We will continue to meet the 3rd Monday of the month, with the exception of January and February where we will meet the 2nd Monday of the month.
6. **New Business – none**
7. **Adjourn** - The meeting was adjourned by R. Seybolt at 2:30P.M.; seconded by L. Weaver. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 1pm in the lower level of the conference room of the Town Hall.

